

PUBLIC NOTICES

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

Notice of Receipt of Petition for Rulemaking Special Education Program Confidentiality

N.J.A.C. 1:6A-18.2(a)

Petitioner: John Paff.

Take notice that on May 9, 2015, the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) received a petition for rulemaking from John Paff (petitioner). The petitioner requests the “consideration of an amendment to N.J.A.C. 1:6A-18.2(a) that will more vigorously protect the identities of children and their parents in the written decisions of Administrative Law Judges.”

Petitioner indicates that he seeks a uniform method for the identities of students and parents involved in special education matters to be disclosed or suppressed from public view. Petitioner sets forth an example whereby in response to an OPRA request to a school district he received a Decision Settlement which redacted the initials of the student and parent but, when he requested the same document from the OAL, he received the document without the initials redacted.

Petitioner indicates that he has no strong feelings one way or the other as to whether the OAL’s procedure for identifying students and parents by their initials or the school’s procedure suppressing those initials best serves the public’s interest. Petitioner indicates that his interest in filing the petition is to bring the school’s position to the OAL’s attention and to invite the OAL to reevaluate whether the procedure in N.J.A.C. 1:6A-18.2(a) adequately protects students’ and parents’ identities.

This notice and the full text of the petition filed in this matter are available on the OAL’s website at <http://www.state.nj.us/oal/rules/proposals/>.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 1:30-4.2, the OAL will subsequently mail to the petitioner and file for New Jersey Register publication a notice of action on the petition.

AGRICULTURE

(b)

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Notice of Anticipated Availability of Grant Funds New Jersey Wine Promotion Account Grant

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4 et seq., the New Jersey Department of Agriculture (NJDA) hereby publishes notice that a second round of applications will be accepted in the below program because the Department has become aware of additional grant availability of the following program:

a. Name of grant program: New Jersey Wine Industry Project Grant.

b. Purpose: On July 11, 1985, there was established in the NJDA the New Jersey Wine Promotion Account. The New Jersey Wine Promotion Account is credited annually, in an appropriation by law, with an amount equal to \$0.20 per gallon on all sales of wines, vermouth, and sparkling wines sold by plenary winery and farm winery licensees pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-10. On January 2, 2002, this amount was increased to \$0.47 per gallon on all sales of wines, vermouth, and sparkling wines sold by plenary winery and farm winery licensees pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-10.

On July 11, 1985, there was established within the NJDA the New Jersey Wine Industry Advisory Council (Council) to assess the condition of the wine industry of the State and to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on expenditures from the New Jersey Wine Promotion

Account. The Council is comprised of eight members, three of whom serve *ex officio* as nonvoting members (the Secretary of Agriculture, the Commissioner of Commerce, Energy and Economic Development, which merged with the Economic Development Authority, and the Dean of Cook College at Rutgers University, or their designees) and five of whom are members of the general public. The five voting members of the general public are appointed by the State Board of Agriculture. Two of the members of the general public must be holders of a plenary winery license, two must be holders of a farm winery license, and one must be a viticulturalist.

c. Available funding: The Director of Taxation certifies to the Council, by March 1 of each year, the number of taxable gallons of wine sold by plenary winery and farm winery licensees the preceding year. That number multiplied by \$0.47 establishes the moneys to be credited to the “New Jersey Wine Promotion Account.”

The Director of Taxation, for the calendar year 2014, determined the number of gallons produced by plenary winery and farm winery licensees by March 1, 2015. For 2014, the funds were certified to be equal to \$214,696.47. This amount was initially considered against applications for qualified projects that would broadly benefit the New Jersey wine industry through research, development and promotion. The submission of a limited number of qualified projects allowed a second round availability of funds. A second round of applications will be accepted for potential remaining funds in the range of \$188,000. This second notice is provided to inform any additional grant applicants of this additional availability of funds. Upon assessment by the Council of the condition of the New Jersey wine industry, the Council will advise the Secretary on grant expenditures for research, development, and promotion on behalf of the wine industry in the State.

d. Organizations which may apply for funding from the Wine Promotion Account:

Individuals, public and private organizations, or others may apply for funding for projects broadly benefiting the New Jersey wine industry through research and development concerning the viticultural and wine-making processes in the State and for the promotion of the New Jersey wine industry.

Selection criteria is posted on the NJDA website. (<http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/grants/wineindustrygrants.html>).

The Council will identify projects in accordance with such selection criteria and advise the Secretary of its recommendations within the limits of available appropriations and subject to the approval of the State Board of Agriculture.

e. Procedure for organizations to apply: Project proposals are to be submitted to the Council. Applicants are reminded that proposed projects must benefit the wine industry as a whole and funded project activities **may not exclude** any plenary and/or farm wine licensee whose sales of New Jersey wine contribute to the Wine Promotion Account and who wishes to participate.

All monies received in this account shall be expended for research and development concerning the viticultural and wine-making processes in the State and for the promotion of New Jersey wine, consistent with the recommendations of the Council and subject to the approval of the State Board of Agriculture.

f. Address at NJDA for receipt of applications:

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g. Deadline by which applications must be submitted: All applications must be **completed** and **received** at the above address by July 15, 2015.